

S. Arabia wants normal Iran ties

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia, which last week beheaded four pro-Iranian saboteurs, wants normal relations with Tehran, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal was quoted Wednesday as saying. "Saudi Arabia does not seek to entrench enmity to Iran but wants to maintain normal ties," the prince told the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) in New York, where he is attending the United Nations General Assembly. Saudi Arabia Friday beheaded four nationals accused of sabotaging oil installations on behalf of Iran. Iran immediately denied the accusation. The prince said an improvement in ties was linked to a shift in Iran's dealings with its neighbours. "The kingdom... has all the appreciation and love for the brotherly Muslim Iranian people," he told SPA. Riyadh severed ties with Tehran on April 26, accusing it of "enemy-like acts." King Fahd of Saudi Arabia later said Tehran's ruling clergy were involved in plots against Gulf leaders.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Moscow assails U.S. over Afghan pact

MOSCOW (R) — Pravda accused the United States of spending \$2 billion supporting guerrillas in an "undeclared war" against Afghanistan. The Communist Party newspaper said the United States had continued to supply guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government in defiance of the April Geneva accords which pledged an end to outside interference in the country.

Reagan gave CIA 'licence to kill'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A published report says that President Ronald Reagan signed intelligence authorisations in 1984 and 1985 giving Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agents broad powers that some administration officials saw as "a licence to kill." The authorisations "deemed" as lawful any covert actions — including potentially violent ones — taken in "good faith" by U.S. intelligence agents against "terrorists," according to a report in Wednesday's editions of the Washington Post. The language of the findings seemingly was ambiguous. The Post said: Actions taken in good faith and as part of an approved operation would be deemed lawful in advance, but they also "must be" lawful, sources told the Post. The newspaper quoted a former White House official, whom it did not identify, as saying the Reagan orders were a "go-anywhere, do-anything" authority.

Mousavi urges cabinet to heed Khomeini call

NICOSIA (R) — Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hussein Mousavi urged his cabinet Wednesday to heed a call for unity by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Mousavi, who offered his resignation early last month in a public row with President Ali Khamenei, said the ayatollah's policy statement Monday was one of "the main documents of the Islamic revolution." The Iranian news agency IRNA, quoted Mousavi as telling a cabinet meeting the main point of the message was maintaining unity and presenting a united front to the world. This meant officials should avoid accusing each other of deviating from the principles of the revolution, the prime minister said.

Doctors cut short transfusion for Hirohito

TOKYO (R) — Doctors cut short a second blood transfusion Wednesday for Japan's ailing Emperor Hirohito for fear it was putting too great a strain on his heart, palace officials said. The 87-year-old emperor, who fell ill Sept. 19 and has been suffering from internal bleeding, received 115 cc of blood before doctors discontinued the transfusion because his pulse rate began to rise dangerously high, officials said. Earlier in the day he had received a 200 cc transfusion.

Court clears way for Pakistan polls

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The supreme court Wednesday blocked a move to reconvene the National Assembly, dissolved last May by late President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, removing the last obstacle to planned democratic elections. The unanimous ruling upheld a decision last week by a federal high court which found that Zia's move was unconstitutional. But it also found there were no grounds to put the old Muslim League government of Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo back in power. Mohammad Khan Nasrullah, a spokesman for the Muslim League, said Junejo and other party leaders would abide by the decision and drop their demands to reinstate the old cabinet and reconvene the legislature.

Arafat stops in India for talks with Gandhi

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi cut short a visit to southern India Wednesday to meet with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, a Foreign Ministry official said. Arafat stopped briefly in New Delhi on his way back from Peking to Tunis, said the official. Arafat flew to India after a brief visit in Bangladesh, where he met with President Hussain Mohammad Ershad.

Yugoslav party plans leadership shakeup

BELGRADE (AP) — Yugoslav Communist Party chief Stipe Suvar has announced a planned shakeup in the membership of the party's Central Committee and presidium (polburo), the state news agency Tanjug reported Wednesday. Suvar, who made the announcement on Sarajevo television Tuesday night, said the presidium would propose the changes to the Central Committee, which was scheduled to meet Oct. 17. The shakeup was seen as an attempt to revamp the leadership that has been increasingly blamed by Yugoslavs for failing to halt or stem the country's protracted economic and political crisis.

Oslo downgrades Dalai Lama visit

OSLO (AP) — The Norwegian government has cancelled meetings between the Dalai Lama and top government officials scheduled for the exiled Tibetan leader's four-day visit, a government spokeswoman said Wednesday. Supporters of the Tibetan leader said the government move apparently came after pressure from the Chinese ambassador in Oslo. The minority Labour government of Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland cancelled talks between the Dalai Lama and Church Affairs Minister Mary Kvidal.

Irish mother of kidnapped girl to be charged

ABU DHABI (AP) — An Irish nurse will be charged with kidnapping her five-year-old daughter from the girl's Jordanian father, joining two Irishmen scheduled to go on trial this month on a similar charge, prosecutor Mohammad Al Iraq said Wednesday. Iraqi public prosecutor in the United Arab Emirates port of Khor Fakkan where the trial will take place, identified the mother as Ann McManus, 28, who works as a nurse in Dublin.

Roh to address United Nations session

SEOUL (AP) — President Roh Tae-Woo will address the United Nations General Assembly on Oct. 18 for the first time as South Korea's chief executive, the presidential office announced Wednesday. Roh's speech will include South Korea's unification and foreign policies, the announcement said, without elaboration.

Turkish premier visits Italy

ROME (AP) — Premier Turgut Ozal of Turkey arrived in Rome Wednesday for the first official visit by a Turkish head of government to Italy in 56 years. Ozal was scheduled to hold talks on bilateral and international issues and discuss Turkey's application for full membership in the European Economic Community, officials said.

Soviet observers to inspect British exercises

LONDON (AP) — Four Soviet military observers flew into London early Wednesday, exercising for the first time their right under an international accord to travel to Britain to inspect army manoeuvres, the Defence Ministry reported. The visit was the first to Britain by Soviet representatives under the terms of the 1986 Stockholm agreement on East-West confidence building measures.

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Riots break out in Algiers

TUNIS (R) — Riots broke out in Algiers Wednesday with demonstrators building barricades, setting fire to government cars and hijacking buses whose drivers ignored a call for a general strike, according to an eyewitness reached by telephone. The official news agency reported what it called an outbreak of vandalism and said Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front was succumbing to economic austerity measures in spite of the violence. An eyewitness in Algiers, contacted by telephone from Tunis, said rioters built barricades out of burning rubbish and overturned and set fire to official cars. Some had hijacked buses and harassed drivers who ignored a clandestine call for a general strike, forcing the bus company to abandon all its services, he said. Shopkeepers closed their shutters for safety Wednesday morning and few private cars ventured into the city centre. The official APS news agency reported an emergency meeting of the politburo of the National Liberation Front (FLN) condemned what it termed an outbreak of vandalism and aggression. The APS report said the security forces would not shrink from their duty to maintain public order.

Iraq accuses Iran of evasiveness

Gulf peace talks hang in balance

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The fate of U.N.-mediated peace talks between Iran and Iraq appeared to hang in the balance Wednesday with no sign of any breakthrough after one round of direct talks and several rounds of indirect contacts here since Saturday.

Iraq, saying that Iran accepted a Gulf ceasefire only after a crushing military defeat, said Tuesday that it now was evasive in peace talks and trying to impose conditions.

In an address to the U.N. General Assembly, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz also warned countries he said had sought to influence the negotiations "with a view to gaining commercial or strategic benefits in Iran."

"We know the secrets of this game and we know who is playing it," he said, without elaborating.

Azziz went before the world body at a late evening meeting after deciding to cut short his U.N. visit to return to Baghdad. He had not been scheduled to address the assembly until Friday.

As he spoke, the fate of the talks appeared to hang in the balance with no new meeting between him and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati scheduled after last Saturday's three-hour session.

Azziz told reporters he hoped Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar would be able to decide with Velayati a date for resuming their talks in Geneva.

They were held in Switzerland from Aug. 25 to Sept. 13, but a senior Iranian official told reporter Tuesday that Tehran had not decided its future course.

In his remarks to the assembly, Azziz said Iraq had demanded only two things in the talks.

These, he said, were "the inclusion of a clear provision on the principle of unobstructed free

navigation in international waters in the Arab Gulf and in the Strait of Hormuz for all shipping... (and) to have the United Nations entrusted with clearing Shatt Al Arab and ensuring safe navigation therein without prejudice to the legal status of the river."

The foreign minister said the Iranian delegation alleged a right to control free navigation in the Gulf and straits and "started to spread lies that Iraq was asking for free navigation in Iranian territorial waters."

The Iranians rejected the proposal that the United Nations clear the Shatt Al Arab "and began to impose conditions inspired by a wish for blackmail and manoeuvring," he said.

Responding to Iran's allegation that Iraq imposed preconditions in the Geneva negotiations, he said this was "a pure lie and deception."

From the statements made by both delegations during the weekend and from Azziz's speech Tuesday, there was no indication of progress on the major issues involved in the Iran-Iraq talks.

Israeli police launch mass arrest drive in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli police mounted a house-to-house search in Palestinian neighbourhoods of Jerusalem Wednesday and arrested dozens of Palestinians, according to reports.

The sweep, involving about 150 police, was one of the largest police operations in Jerusalem since the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories began and followed increased protests in the Palestinian neighbourhoods to protest the death of a Jerusalem boy last

Lapidot said the detainees "are suspected of participating in stone-throwing incidents and other disturbances" and declined to elaborate.

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Wednesday.

Jamal Mattar, 19, was shot and killed in a clash with police Sept. 26 in the village of Jabal Mukabar on the southern outskirts of the city. He was the first Palestinian to die in Jerusalem since the uprising began Dec. 8.

Also Wednesday, military officials said they were concerned about a grenade-throwing incident near the Gaza Strip Tuesday night, one of the first reported attacks involving such a device.

The handmade grenade was thrown at an Israeli car on a highway linking the 2,000 Jewish settlers in Gaza to Israel.

An army official described it as "an incident, not necessarily part of a trend," by Palestinians to switch from stones and firebombs to live ammunition, but said the situation would be watched.

Meantime, military officials said that Naela Ayesh, 28, a Palestinian employee with the U.S.-based Save the Children group, was detained early Wednesday at her home on the edge of Gaza City.

The officials refused to give a reason for her detention.

Also Wednesday, Israeli troops shot and wounded five Palestinians, including one teenager, in a clash with stone-throwers in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, a hospital official said.

Soldiers were posted at Al Ittihad hospital in Nablus to guard a critically wounded Palestinian shot after he allegedly attacked a soldier with a knife in the city's open air market, the army said.

Kahane said Police Minister Chaim Bar-Lev.

Bar-Lev, a leading member of the Labour Party, told reporters his party supported the ban even though Labour to gain if Kahane drew votes from the right-wing Likud bloc.

Thursday's motion, which passed 28-5 with three abstentions, was brought by seven parties, including Likud and Labour.

In arguing for Kahane's disqualification, legislators compared Kahane's anti-Arab platform to the Nazi's anti-Semitic policies during World War II.

"Our campaign is running as if nothing has happened. Our next step is to appeal to the supreme court in a day or two," he said.

The election committee attempted in the 1984 election campaign to ban Kahane, which supports the expulsion of the Palestinians of Israel and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, but the supreme court overturned the ruling.

"In 1984, we didn't have an anti-racist law. Today we have. And I hope (Kahane's) appeal to the high court will not be successful.

Committee members from Israel's religious parties and Kahane voted against banning the party.

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Mubarak also stressed economic difficulties that the 1973 war and three previous ones had put Egypt in. He said Egypt had overcome "very difficult obstacles and economic problems" and that the government was now taking the correct steps towards a healthy economy.

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But some civic leaders in the West Bank and Gaza have spoken out individually.

Mustafa Natsheh, the deposed mayor of Hebron, said he hoped the PNC would declare independence or create a provisional government with a political programme that would enable it to talk to the United States and attend an international Middle East peace conference.

Advocates of a delay say the PLO needs to know who will hold power in Washington and Israel before launching an initiative. They also say Western

reaction to the proposed establishment of a Palestinian provisional government has been encouraging.

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Acceptance of the 1947 General Assembly resolution would be tantamount to recognising Israel's right to exist, while leaving the final borders for the PLO to negotiate, they said.

Khalaf: Government later

Palestinian leader Salah Khalaf said in an interview published Wednesday the PLO favours announcing an independent state while postponing the formation of a provisional government-in-exile.

Khalaf told the Tunisian weekly newspaper Al Batah: "We are not in a hurry on the

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King pays tribute to Egypt's firm stand in Taba dispute

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday sent a cable to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak congratulating him on the return of Israeli-occupied Taba beachfront to Egypt and expressed his delight and that of the Jordanian people and government over the ruling in favour of Egypt by an international arbitration panel.

"I send you my deepest congratulations for the return of Taba to the motherland, a great historic event that ensured the return of the land to its lawful owners," the King said.

The King paid tribute to President Mubarak's firm stand in adhering to justice and Arab right and said "this stand has brought about this honourable result which underlined Egypt's determination not to give up any inch of the homeland under any

circumstances and in the face of all hardships..." "Your wisdom and courage and steadfastness have lent further credence to the principle of the inadmissibility of acquisition of other countries' territory by force and reaffirmed the principle of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 which calls for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied in the 1967 war," King Hussein said.

King Hussein said Jordan appreciates Egypt's enhancement of these principles and their contents and wished the Egyptian people further progress and prosperity under Mubarak's leadership.

Later Wednesday, King Hussein and President Mubarak held a telephone conversation and exchanged views on a number of current Arab issues.

Egyptian parade marks '73 war

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egypt showed off its military might Wednesday in a parade marking a day of glory and sorrow.

The parade, celebrating the Egyptian army's crossing of the Suez Canal in the 1973 war with Israel, was the first to mark successes in the fighting since President Anwar Sadat was killed by extremists as he took the salute Oct. 6, 1981.

In the parade, veteran Soviet-made tanks rumbled past the podium for inspection by President Hosni Mubarak ahead of modern armour, artillery, missiles and air defence systems.

Flanked by cabinet ministers and army chiefs, Mubarak watched T-34 tanks, M-59 amphibious assault vehicles, armoured troop carriers and rocket launchers which took part in the 1973 war drive into the Israeli-held Sinai.

In a televised speech, he said Egypt's troops who crossed the canal in 1973... "achieved victory in one of the most outstanding and daring crossing operations in military history."

Mubarak, flanked by his official deputy, Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, laid wreaths at the tombs of Sadat and the Egypt's Unknown Soldier before driving to the National Military Academy in suburban Heliopolis.

In his speech, Mubarak said Egyptians were pleased with last week's verdict by international arbitrators awarding Cairo the Israeli-occupied beach of Taba, which Israel retained after returning the rest of Sinai to Egypt in 1982.

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RSS expands environmental monitoring projects

By P.V. Vivekanand
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Having already made major strides in monitoring air pollution in Amman, the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) is now expanding the scope of its observations to include some of the most potentially hazardous pollutants before submitting its findings and recommendations to the concerned authorities.

An air pollution monitoring project undertaken by the RSS Industrial Chemical Department's environment pollution laboratory has already passed its two-third mark and its final findings are expected to be out by mid-1989, when the three-year process concludes.

The ongoing study covers four major elements of air pollution — sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and total suspended matter — monitored

by four stations set up in Amman and suburbs by the laboratory in 1986. In addition, it also operates a mobile monitoring station.

Ayman Al Hassan, head of the laboratory and manager of the project, said Saturday additional equipment would be introduced to expand the scope of observation to hydrocarbons and ozone as well as inhalable particles — "the most hazardous to health. The ozone analyser and the hydrocarbon monitor will be introduced before the year's end" he said.

The study is being conducted under an agreement signed in 1985 between the RSS and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The initially envisaged cost of the project was 625,000 Canadian dollars but now the figure has gone up to 800,000 Canadian dollars, jointly financed by the RSS and the Ottawa-based

IDRC, Hassan told the Jordan Times.

Asked whether results obtained so far could be any definite pointer to air pollution parameters in Amman, Hassan explained that the three-year study had to be completed first before drawing up "national air pollution standards" for Jordan. Data collected from the four monitoring stations — located in downtown Amman, Mahaata, Marka and the RSS complex in Jbeila — are fed into computers and classified as averages for days, weeks and months before arriving at annual figures based on three years of study which also observes and records seasonal fluctuations.

Pressed further, Hassan said the downtown area was of "particular concern" since "natural ventilation is blocked by surrounding high hills." He said that carbon and sulphur dioxide emis-

sions from vehicles are some of the main causes for the relatively high pollution in the downtown area.

"We are looking for the main constituents in air pollution —

cated. The Ministry of Health has undertaken a study and is conducting its own monitoring and research work in this area.

Hassan said the four elements under study in the Amman area

carbons and ozone is not covered under the 1985 RSS-IDRC agreement, but the Canadian embassy in Amman donated the relevant equipment to the RSS, Hassan said. The laboratory has already received the ozone analyser, he said pointing to a sleek machine which resembled a sophisticated computer printer.

Hassan said the laboratory had numerous proposals awaiting financial support. Projects undertaken by the laboratory include a study of air pollution in Aqaba as result of phosphate loading at the port. The RSS and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) signed a contract last month under which the RSS would set up four monitoring stations in Aqaba, observe phosphate dust in the atmosphere, and submit a report to JPMC.

In addition, the RSS laboratory is also involved in testing medical gases — those used for anaesthetics — to ensure that they comply with international medical standards.

Another new RSS project covers a study of possible hydrogen sulphide pollution in the Zarqa area at a cost of about \$50,000.

The RSS, the sole authority in air pollution studies in Jordan, is currently discussing with Royal Jordanian (RJ) a plan to propose to monitor ozone on RJ aircraft flying across the Atlantic. "We also have indoor air pollution measuring equipment," Hassan said. "These apply mainly to industrial chemical plants where strict standards are to be maintained against hazardous pollutants."

According to Hassan, air pollution in Jordan is not much different from neighbouring countries or many other developing states with similar topographical and climatic conditions. But, he noted, the ratio of vehicles to population in Amman was almost 1:6 — "very high indeed for a developing country like Jordan" — according to a study made in 1985. Furthermore, he said, diesel used in Amman had a high sulphur content; 1.35 per cent, almost three times the internationally accepted level of 0.5 per cent.

According to the 1985 study, 83 per cent of all vehicles in Jordan were registered in Amman while the population of the capital accounted for only 43 per cent of the Kingdom's total. Again, 30 per cent of all diesel-run vehicles were registered in Amman, the study found. This figure only included civilian vehicles.

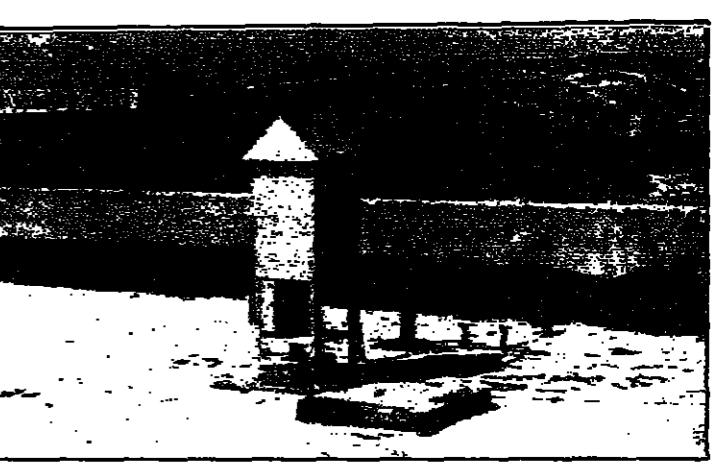
As the locations of the four round-the-clock monitoring stations indicate, the current project exclusively covers the Greater Amman area. Residential regions of the capital are covered periodically by mobile monitoring equipment mounted on a van, which is assigned to specific areas in Amman and the suburbs for one-month periods.

"We hope to gradually expand our activities to cover the entire Kingdom," Hassan said. The air pollution study laboratory was set up in 1985 and now employs seven experts in various fields. Several of the experts have had specialised training in Canada and France.

The planned expansion to hy-



Experts assess the data (all photos courtesy of RSS)



RSS monitoring equipment in downtown Amman



Mobile environment pollution monitors used by the RSS

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23:00 ... News summary in Arabic
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19:15 ... Un DB 3 Plus
19:30 ... News in Hebrew
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National News

Queen Noor leaves for Paris, London

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein saw off Her Majesty Queen Noor at the airport Wednesday morning as she left Amman for a brief working visit to France and the United Kingdom. Queen Noor will address the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and participate in its 40th anniversary celebrations held in Paris in cooperation with the French government and UNESCO.

French Prime Minister Michel Rocard, some heads of state, and dignitaries and officials from 61 countries, and representatives from various national and international organisations will participate.

Queen Noor is accompanied by Mrs. Leila Sharaf and President of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Anis Mouasher.

Jerusalem centre pays tribute to Crown Prince

TUNIS (Petra) — The Arab centre for the restoration of Jerusalem and the documentation of the city's various sites has paid tribute to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for his continued support for the centre.

A centre board member, Ibrahim Shabouh, who was addressing a meeting by the Arab Housing Ministers Council, said that Prince Hassan had provided valuable backing for the centre in every way. Shabouh expressed appreciation to the Jordanian government for its contributions



PRINCE MOHAMMAD AT GHQ: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the Personal Representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Wednesday visited the Armed Forces Headquarters in Amman and met with the Commander in Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Field

Marshal Sharif Zaid ibn Shaker. Also Wednesday Prince Mohammad called at the Public Security Department (PSD) and met with its Director Abdul Hadi Al Majali. The PSD chief briefed the Prince on the on-going development of his department and future plans (Petra photo)

Sharif Zaid observes army exercises

AMMAN (Petra) — Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid ibn Shaker watched military exercises carried out by formations of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

The commander was briefed during the exercises on the duties

of the participating units who executed their mission with air support provided by the Royal Jordanian Air Force.

Also taking part in the exercises were army helicopters, which dropped troops into the mock-battle area and carried out manoeuvres in the battle zone.

Sharif Zaid later made an in-

spection tour of the units and met with the troops who took part in the military exercises, praising their efforts and voicing appreciation for their commanders.

Sharif Zaid was accompanied on the visits by Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb and senior army officers.

Iraqi community raises funds for Fao

AMMAN (Petra) — A meeting was held at the Iraqi embassy in Amman Wednesday to discuss means of helping the Iraqi government finance the reconstruction of the liberated Fao Peninsula through donations from the public.

Iraqi Ambassador Ghafel Jasem Hussein chaired the meeting, which was attended by embassy staff and representatives of the Iraqi community in Jordan, discussed measures that could be taken to assist the national effort which is being launched in Iraq and other Arab countries.

The ambassador later chaired a meeting of an embassy committee that has been entrusted with supervising and managing the fund raising campaign among Iraqis and other Arab people in Jordan, and later it was announced that a plan had been worked out to launch the campaign.

Postal Day comes amid communications expansion

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan, along with various countries of the world, will observe International Postal Day on Oct. 9 as set by the Switzerland-based Universal Postal Union (UPU) that was founded in 1875.

This year, Jordan observes the occasion at a time when the country's post offices continue to handle growing numbers of postal items, and amid plans to expand postal services, according to Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan.

The UPU's council for postal studies, which is based in the Swiss city of Berne, is responsible for organising studies of major problems affecting postal administrations in all UPU member countries, including Jordan.

Jordan to take part in Algerian festival

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage will take part in a cultural festival to be held in Algeria on Oct. 12 in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The festival, which will be attended by Antiquities Department Director General Adnan Al Hadidi, will display documentary films depicting archaeological sites in the Arab World.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.K. DEFENCE TEAM: A visiting team representing the Royal Defence College in the United Kingdom Wednesday visited the Aqaba Region Authority and was briefed by its President Bassam Qasqash on the authority's activities and programmes in social, economic and tourist fields (Petra).

NURSING STUDENTS TRAINING: A total of 26 nursing students from Jordan University of Science and Technology Wednesday started training courses at the hospitals of the National Medical Institution (NMI).

POLISH TEAM AT RSS: A visiting team from the Polish Academy of Science Wednesday called at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and heard a briefing on the society's development and the various functions of its departments (Petra).

MOBILE UNIT: A mobile unit of the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped (JUST) Wednesday visited Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and examined a number of patients being cared for by the university's Yarmouk Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Handicapped (Petra).

CHINESE EXHIBITION: A week-long Chinese art exhibition opened at the University of Jordan Tuesday. On display is a collection of paintings depicting Chinese heritage and natural scenery, as well as sculptures representing prominent Chinese personalities, in addition to Chinese national costumes (Petra).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ "The Individual, Sport and Olympic Games" book exhibit, at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City.
- ★ Book exhibition, at the Professional Association Complex.
- ★ Book exhibition, at Al Walaja Cooperative Society, Jabal Nuzha.
- ★ Folklore exhibition, at the Al Manarah Social Development Society, Al Manarah.
- ★ An exhibition of paintings by Mohammad Shamseddine, at the Petra Bank Gallery.
- ★ Islamic book exhibition and charity bazaar, at the Islamic Cultural Centre, University of Jordan.
- ★ An exhibition of antiquities of Tell Abu Hamid agricultural settlement in the Jordan Valley, at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre.
- ★ First Amman International Motor Show, four kilometres from the Seventh Circle.
- ★ Book exhibition, at Yarmouk University, Irbid.
- ★ Children's cultural programme, which includes book and drawing exhibitions, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ Chinese art exhibition, at the University of Jordan — 11:00 a.m.
- ★ Children's books and drawings exhibition, at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation — 4:00 p.m.
- ★ Art exhibition by Salameh Kana'an, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Population Education Activities Exhibition, at the Royal Cultural Centre — 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ★ Photo exhibition, at the Jordanian Social Services Institute in Amman.

LECTURE

- ★ A lecture in Arabic entitled "Sound Raising of Children of the Future," at the Ajloun Women's Association — 5:00 p.m.
- ★ Educational lectures for mothers, at the Women's Association in Mafrag (morning and evening sessions).

DEBATE

- ★ The debate between U.S. vice presidential candidates Lloyd Bentsen (Texas-Democrat) and Daniel Quayle (Indiana-Republican) will be shown at the American Centre — 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

FILM

- ★ A feature film (video) entitled "Places in the Heart," at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

CONCERT

- ★ A concert by Cherubini Quartett and Friends, at the Royal Cultural Centre — 8:00 p.m.

PLAY

- ★ Arabic Play "Shatia Al Zaytan," at the Royal Cultural Centre — 7:00 p.m.

PUPPET SHOW

- ★ A puppet show entitled "Flying Carpet," at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation — 5:00 p.m.

Chamber music to play at RCC

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Cherubini Quartet and Friends group of West Germany will present a concert at the Royal Cultural Centre Thursday, Oct. 6, 1988, under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma. Proceeds from the event, organised by the Goethe Institute in Amman, will benefit the Jordanian Save the Children Fund.

The Cherubini Quartet (the name is of an Italian composer whom Beethoven esteemed as higher than any of his other contemporaries) was founded in 1978 by four young instrumentalists between 22 and 27 years of age, all of whom stood on the threshold of a promising solo career.

Connoisseurs consider the four musicians who accompany the Cherubini on their concert tours as being each a top performer in his specialty.

Wolfgang Meyer, the clarinettist, has since he was 15 years old won first prizes in the West German competition "Jugend musiziert." At the age of 21 he passed the final examination as musician and emerged as first prize winner from the German Musical Academy Competition (1976) and from the German Musical Competition in Bonn (1976).

Since then his playing in numerous solo and chamber music evenings in Germany and abroad has won him the reputation of being one of the most brilliant and versatile clarinettists of his generation.

Radovan Vlatkovic, the Jugoslav horn player, studied at the musical academies of Zagreb and Detmold and the number of his outwardly measurable successes can show first prizes in the international competitions of "Premio Ancoro" (Italy), Liege and Munich. Since 1982 he is solo double-bass player in the Radio Symphony Orchestra of Cologne. He has also frequently appeared as soloist with international orchestras and is member of the Nippon Octet.

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Crown Prince elected board chairman

Arab Youth Forum established in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Youth Forum (AYF) has been established in Jordan, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has been elected chairman of its board of trustees.

The AYF came into being with the first general assembly meeting held under Prince Hassan's chairmanship and the attendance of 80 youths from Jordan and 13 from six Arab countries now studying at Jordanian universities.

In an address to the meeting, Prince Hassan underlined the need to promote the concept of constructive pluralism in all aspects of life within the Arab community in line with the principles of Great Arab Revolt and the Great Arab Renaissance.

In the light of its location within the Arab World, and in keeping with its national commitments, Jordan cannot help being open to all attitudes and is inclined to encourage dialogues among youths free from fanaticism, and ideological intimidation, Prince Hassan said.

The AYF has come into being in response to the desires of various youth sectors in Jordan including those youths studying at Jordanian universities, and with the purpose of expanding the framework of dialogue and discussing national issues and Arab problems in a responsible manner, Prince Hassan pointed out.

This forum, he said, has a basic role to play in developing the concept of dialogue among youths, which should become the main characteristic of the AYF. This, he added, will be "an essential experience to help promote culture, constructive thinking and creativity."

The AYF should tackle all national and pan-Arab questions with an open mind and with respect to the views of others, backed with reasoning in judging matters and in benefiting from various seminars and activities not only in Jordan, but also those in the Arab World," Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan urged AYF members to maintain contacts and ties with organisations and cultural centres in Jordan and abroad.

At the outset of the meeting the AYF's secretary general, Abdullah Hijazi, delivered a speech outlining the formation of the AYF, and later the subcommittees' rapporteurs submitted outlines of the AYF's objectives and future activities.

The AYF has been set up upon the initiative of a group of Jordanian and other Arab youth in Jordan and with backing from the Jordanian government.

The AYF will serve as a forum for Arab youth to present and discuss ideas that would help

"Several ministries and departments in Jordan are connected in one way or another with the youth sector in Jordan, and these," the Prince said, "should maintain close cooperation to stimulate the role of the youth through various sports installations and clubs, since this task is too heavy for the Ministry of Youth to carry on its own."

Khleifat spoke at the meeting outlining his ministry's various projects.

The ministry, he said, plans to set up a Jordanian federation for youth and sports information which will be entrusted with coordinating work with various information media.

Support for ministry programmes

In comments carried by Petra later Wednesday, the Crown Prince said he fully supported the current programmes undertaken by the Ministry of Youth and the fields of culture, social activities, culture and sports.

"It is incumbent upon the Ministry of Youth and the youth sector to reaffirm the concept of development and belonging," the Crown Prince said. "The Arab renaissance and the Great Arab Revolt are a continued process designed to overcome retardation," he said.

He emphasised that all future celebrations of Arab renaissance and the Great Arab Revolt would stem from the concept of their historical depth.

Swedish crew arrives to shoot film on Petra

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A ancient Nabatean city of Petra.

The documentary, which will have Arabic and Swedish subtitles, will be distributed in Scandinavian countries and a number of English speaking European countries, and will be shown on European television stations in the coming year.

The team is headed by one of the most well-known television producers in Sweden, Mr. Ole Haeger. Mr. Haeger is a historian by profession and has during the last two decades produced over a hundred documentaries on archaeological and historical subjects. The team, which also includes the well-known British scholar Mr. Ian Brown, will spend two weeks in Jordan.

TRAINING SEMINAR ENDS: A 10-day training seminar for 70 heads of municipal councils in the Amman, Zarqa, and Balqa Governorates ended at the University of Jordan Wednesday.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber, who attended the closing session, reviewed with the participants their council's various services and later presented them with certificates.

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Consolidating the gains

IN HIS remarks earlier this week to local editors in Amman and to residents of Mafrag Governorate, Crown Prince Hassan has proposed a welcome and realistic basis for the development of Jordan in the next phase of our national march.

He talked of pluralism, constructive and active dialogue, the interaction of ideas, and decentralised implementation. He also mentioned that we are passing from the phase of building services to that of building productive projects.

The challenge that Jordan faces in the next decades is perhaps more demanding than that we faced in the previous decades of statehood. While we have passed through the stage of building a country, we are now faced with the challenge of sustaining it, and of deepening both the depth of its institutions and the concept which the Crown Prince referred to as the "belonging" of the citizenry.

Public participation and constructive pluralism, through decentralised mechanisms of participatory government, decision-making and accountability, strike us as pivotal elements of our desire to keep building Jordan into a country that generates pride amongst its nationals and respect among other states and peoples. The urgent priority now is to follow up on the concepts which have been so clearly articulated by our leadership, and to strengthen those dynamics and institutions throughout the country which can provide the institutional mechanism to implement the ideals we all share.

Jordan has reached this stage of development on the basis of principles of dialogue, consultation and shared goals which have withstood the pressures of our very turbulent region. To reaffirm such principles, as Crown Prince Hassan has done this week, is to reinvigorate our conviction in the methods of our nation-building.



ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday commented on the start of Israel's parliamentary election campaign which is being launched by both main parties under the slogan of "security and peace." It said that the Israelis feel that peace and security are still lacking despite the lapse of 40 years since the establishment of the Jewish state in occupied Palestine. What makes it even worse for the Israelis is the current Palestinian uprising which demonstrates the fact that arrogance and aggression and occupation over the past four decades have failed to win Israel the aspired security, the paper added.

Al Dustour Arabic daily commented on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's tour of the Mafrag Governorate Tuesday and his call for the involvement of all able citizens in the process of development and construction. The Prince's statement falls in line with his earlier call for the transformation of Jordan from a consumer to a producer society. This requires greater decentralisation and serious efforts on the part of all people to achieve the aspirational goals, the paper said.

Sawt Al Shabab daily also dwelt on Prince Hassan's statement in Mafrag, underlining the need for the creation of a suitable atmosphere for a wide-based popular participation in the process of construction and development. Indeed the country's development plans and the future schemes in the Kingdom require not only well-studied plans but also qualified and skilled management that can take into consideration the involvement of a larger sector of the population, the paper noted. The paper associated the Prince's statement with a call by the government earlier this week on small farmers to pool their resources and form agricultural companies that can yield better production and achieve a larger margin of profit.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Question that await answers

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday urges the Arab World to take serious moves towards helping the Lebanese people to overcome their present predicament and find an acceptable solution for the presidential problem. Tareq Masa'weh comments on the recent U.S.-Syrian mediation efforts to solve the issue and asks, if Murphy (the U.S. mediator) had failed in his mission, why should the Arab countries accept this failure and remain passive? The European countries have shown interest in the U.S.-Syrian moves and so did the Arab masses, but since these efforts were spent in vain, Arab countries ought to take the initiative and save Lebanon from another catastrophe, the writer says. Masa'weh reminds the Arabs of a constructive move on the part of the former Lebanese President Amine Gemayel who heads the rightist forces in Lebanon when he scrapped the May 17 agreement with Israel because he refused to involve his country into another Camp David agreement with the Israeli enemy, and says this positive step should be exploited by Arab mediators in their attempts to bring together the various warring factions of Lebanon. He concludes by asking: If we Arabs fail to assist the Lebanese now who will ever believe in our willingness and sincerity to deal with more complicated questions like the Israeli occupation of Arab lands?

Oriental roots, Occidental fruits

By Henry Tanner

PARIS — On Sunday morning April 13, 1975, a young Lebanese journalist named Amin Maalouf was trying to recover from jet lag after a flight from Vietnam when he was awakened in his home in Ain Rmaneh, a Christian suburb of Beirut, by shots and shrapnel. Peering through the curtains, he saw bodies lying in the street and people running in all directions.

Christian gunmen had ambushed a passing bus and killed 27 of its Palestinian passengers in retaliation for the killing of a prominent Christian in front of a nearby church. The shooting marked the start of Lebanon's civil war, which is still raging.

They also changed the life of Maalouf who 10 years later has become an acclaimed French novelist and historian.

At the time, he was a foreign correspondent reporting from Asia and Africa for the Lebanese daily *An Nahar*, and had never dealt professionally with events in his own country.

"It was strange to be witnessing with my own eyes, in my own country, a historic event whose consequences turned out to be so much larger than they seemed at the time," he recalled recently in his Paris residence.

"Saigon was to fall on April 30 and Phnom Penh had fallen on April 17, but the Lebanese no longer cared about anything that was happening outside their country and I realised that if I wanted to continue writing about the things I knew, I had to leave." On June 16, 1976 — the day of the U.S. ambassador, Francis E. Meloy Jr., was killed in Beirut — Maalouf was on a boat to Cyprus, and a day later, having been unable to obtain a Canadian

visa, he arrived in Paris.

Today, writing in French, he is a French author. He is also an "Oriental Christian," as he calls himself, his chosen subject is the interaction of the different civilisations on whose dividing line he lived in Lebanon — Orient and Occident, Islam and Christianity.

His first book, written soon after his arrival in Paris, was "The Crusades Through Arab Eyes," in which he told Western Christian readers — for the first time, he says — how the Muslims of the Orient experienced those years. "There is no such account in Western literature," he said. "It was an intellectual game to find out whether the story could be told exclusively on the basis of contemporary Oriental reports without going to Western sources.

"Western writers accompanying the Christian armies rarely ventured beyond the big garrison towns, like Tyre," he said. "Accounts from Oriental sources are truer, because they deal with all aspects of life including locusts, plague, religion, politics and wars between local princes; the war against the Christians never was the main event in the lives of contemporary Muslims."

His two later books, both best sellers, are works of fiction. In each, he takes historical figure about whom few facts are known, puts him in the context of his time and place and adds a myriad of invented but historically plausible details. The finished portraits have the intricate richness of oriental tapestries.

In "Samarcand," his latest work, which appeared in France a few months ago, the key figure is Omar Khayyam, the 12th century

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Amin Maalouf

Persian astrologer and physician whom his Oriental contemporaries acclaimed as a scientist but who achieved fame in the West as a lyrical poet when a collection of his secretly written verse was discovered nine centuries later.

"Leo the African," which appeared in 1986, is Maalouf's imagined version of the life and loves of Hassan Al-Wazzan, a legendary 16th century scholar. The bare facts of Al-Wazzan's life are a matter of record: He was born a Muslim in Andalusia, fled to North Africa as a child after the Christian conquest of Spain, and travelled across Africa from Timbuktu to Cairo as a diplomat and merchant. On his return, his ship was boarded by pirates who sold him into slavery in Rome. He became a protege of Pope Leo X and converted to Christianity without renouncing Islam and being European as well African, soothed cultural, personal and political conflicts all along his road as a mediator. Omar Khayyam was a skeptic who rejected the religious intolerance of his time.

"Naturally, there are fragments of autobiography in everything one writes — reflections of what one is or would like to be," Maalouf said. The author was brought up — in Arabic, French and English —

as a member of Lebanon's small Greek Catholic community, which is dependent on Rome but follows the Eastern rite. The Greek Catholics are a minority of about 5 per cent in Lebanon and even less in Israel and Syria.

"My family has been Christian since the first or second century," Maalouf said, "I feel at home in the Occident. But Islam is essential to my life."

In the past as now, he said, "the Occident and the Orient have been living in mutual distrust and fear; each sees itself as a victim, as being culturally and politically aggressed by the other."

"If I were a Muslim, perhaps I would feel the same way. As a Lebanese Christian, I do not acknowledge the barriers."

Maalouf skillfully waves the threads of contemporary history into his fictional narratives, as Leo and Omar Khayyam both encounter the historical figures of their time.

One of the most haunting traits in "Samarcand" is that of Hassan as-Sabbah, the founder of the Assassins, a Shiite sect reputed to be one of the most violent movements in the history of Islam. Another is Nizam al-Mulk, the powerful founder of the Seljuk empire, who was also a historian and thinker — an "Oriental Machiavelli," in Maalouf's words — who recorded and commented on the events he helped shape. He was assassinated by as-Sabbah's men.

Maalouf's research showed him that Khayyam, as-Sabbah and al-Mulk were in Samarkand at the same time, for at least one year, and probably knew each other. In his narrative, he brings them together in an elaborate web of intrigue, friendship, hatred and violence.

Omar Khayyam, like Leo, was a natural Maalouf hero — "a man who belongs both to the Orient and the Occident; a 12th century Oriental astrologer whose poetry was discovered and popularised by an Englishman in the 19th century and whose fame was then re-exported to the Orient from the West."

A reporter by trade, he would not have dared to write outright fiction but "needed the link with history," Maalouf said. For the same reason, it took him some time before he realised that "Leo" had to be written in the first person singular. He clearly identifies with both his heroes.

"Like any journalist, I put the story behind me once it is written," he said. "Now I am getting more and more deeply into my next character." It is a safe bet that the new hero, too, is a traveller and a man of several civilisations about whom little is being said in the history books — International Herald Tribune.

Strauss's death leaves gaping hole in West German right

By John Kampfner
Reuter

BONN — The death on Monday of Franz Josef Strauss leaves a power vacuum in West German politics that bodes ill for his right-wing party, and could boost the authority of Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

For several decades, the heavy-jowled, stout Bavarian premier was a towering presence on the political scene of the young, and still nervous, West German democracy.

Kohl, whose Christian Democrats are allied in Bonn with Strauss's Christian Social Union (CSU), often travelled to Munich to seek the Bavarian's agreement on thorny issues.

The CSU exists only in Bavaria, where it has ruled with an absolute majority for more than 20 years.

Strauss had been party leader since 1961 and state premier since 1978, pursuing strict law-and-order and other social policies often at odds with Bonn.

"Strauss's personality was Bavarian politics. He achieved folkloric dimensions," Rohrmoser said.

With Strauss gone, there is going to be less infighting in the coalition. Kohl will carry much more weight," he added. He noted that the Liberals, the third party in Kohl's coalition, may also have an easier ride in government decisions.

Rohrmoser said Strauss espoused traditional

values among German conservatives — respect for authority, the police, the church and order — which found a ready niche among Bavarians and many elsewhere in the country.

Strauss, whose charisma was a major vote-puller, did not groom a deputy of any great stature.

"His death, like that of Konrad Adenauer (West Germany's first chancellor), marks the end of an era. Both men were irreplaceable," said Guenter Rohrmoser of Stuttgart University, a long-time friend of Strauss.

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A former defence and finance minister, Strauss had not been in any Bonn cabinet since 1969, choosing to wield influence from his Munich power base. In 1980, he made a bid for the chancellorship but was easily beaten by Helmut Schmidt.

The CSU has gradually lost



Franz Josef Strauss

votes over the past few years and some observers say that after Strauss there is a chance it could fall under 50 per cent in the next state elections in 1990. It received less than 56 per cent in 1986.

Rohrmoser believes some of these votes could go to extreme right-wing splinter parties. "One of Strauss's greatest achievements in the post-war reconstruction was integrating the right-wing into democratic procedures," he said.

Two CSU stalwarts are being touted as likely candidates for the Bavarian premier post — Strauss's deputy Max Streibl, 56, who has

automatically taken over as caretaker, and Gerold Tandler, 52, a former longtime party general secretary.

Younger activists, like Peter Gauweiler, 39, Bavaria's highly controversial and ambitious deputy interior minister who was behind tough measures to combat AIDS and to restrict abortions, is likely to wait in the wings until a later date.

Federal Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann, who has

the highest profile of the three CSU members of Kohl's cabinet,

is believed at 63 to be too old to make a challenge.

Northern Somalia laid waste by three months of civil war

By Graham Hancock
Reuter

HARGEISA, Somalia — A civil war in northern Somalia has left the government in control of the mountainous arid region, but its main towns have been reduced to desolate heaps of rubble.

Diplomats and Somali officials estimate that 50,000 people died in Heavy fighting between government forces and rebels of the Somali National Movement (SNM) during June, July and August.

More than 400,000 refugees fled to neighbouring Ethiopia.

The northern city of Hargeisa, which once had a population of half a million, is a ghost town.

Whole sections of Hargeisa were flattened by artillery shelling between government and rebel forces occupying different parts of the town.

The government says 14,000 buildings were razed and a further 12,000 heavily damaged before the army regained control of Hargeisa in mid-August.

A month later, I saw rotting corpses still scattered in the rubble of this city, which until the civil war was the second largest in Somalia after the capital Mogadishu.

Army officers said that after its offensive in the north failed, the SNM reverted to its traditional hit-and-run guerrilla tactics.

The SNM, sworn to topple the government, was founded in 1981 and draws most of its support from the large Issaq clan living in northern Somalia.

It operated mainly from cross-border bases in Ethiopia, whose long-standing dispute with Somalia over the Ogaden border region boiled over into full-scale war from 1977 to 1978.

Ethiopia, pressured by rebel victories in its northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigray, restored normal relations with Somalia in April this year.

As part of the deal, Addis Ababa agreed to stop supporting the SNM and diplomats say the rebel movement decided to launch an all-out offensive in northern Somalia after being forced to evacuate its Ethiopian base camps.

Army officers say the rebels still ambush vehicles on side roads in the north, but most of the main roads have been reopened and the towns are once more in government hands.

"We are slowly returning the whole region to normal," Brigadier-General Talal Ali, military commander of the northern port of Berbera, told Reuters.

"However, we are hampered by the present rainy season, which prevents us from launching large-scale operations to mop up the remaining terrorists in the bush," he added.

The cost of the war has been immense. Officials in Mogadishu say the destruction in the north and the refugee exodus have deprived the government of 40 per cent of its recurrent revenue.

Seal deaths highlight North Sea pollution crisis

By Deborah Telford
Reuter

LONDON — Is pollution to blame for the deaths of thousands of seals in the North Sea?

Since May, an epidemic wiped out more than 10,000 seals off the coasts of the Netherlands, West Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Britain.

Swedish scientists said last week the epidemic appeared to be ending in the waters off Sweden, Denmark, Norway and

Amnesty ends today

Iraq grants rebels general amnestyBy Caroline Faraj
Special to the Jordan Times

BAGHDAD — Today Oct. 6, marks the end of a general amnesty period granted by the Iraqi government to Kurds who had fled the country after committing crimes and plundering villages in northern Iraq, according to Iraqi officials.

Iraqi officials said that thousands of Kurds including those who took part in atrocities against the Iraqi armed forces had used chemical weapons or poisonous gas in their latest campaign to purge the region from collaborators who fought Iraq alongside the Iranian revolutionary guards.

This reporter has visited large areas of Iraqi territory inhabited by Kurds and met with their representatives who emphasised their determination to back Iraqi government measures to restore law and order in their regions and uphold national unity in the face of the Iranian aggression.

In an interview with Ibrahim Mohammad Zankeh, a Kurdish governor of the Arbil region in Iraqi Kurdistan, the governor strongly denied hostile reports alleging that Iraqi forces had demolished local homes. On the contrary the Iraqi government has been involved in building housing units and schools within the Arbil governorate to house homeless Kurds, the governor

stressed. Following the announcement of the amnesty and until the end of last month nearly 100,000 returning Kurds have been re-settled in new homes which have all basic utilities, the governor added.

Zankeh denied American allegation that the Iraqi armed forces had used chemical weapons or poisonous gas in their latest campaign to purge the region from collaborators who fought Iraq alongside the Iranian revolutionary guards.

Iraqi officials said that thousands of Kurds including those who took part in atrocities against the Iraqi armed forces had used chemical weapons or poisonous gas in their latest campaign to purge the region from collaborators who fought Iraq alongside the Iranian revolutionary guards.

This reporter has visited large areas of Iraqi territory inhabited by Kurds and met with their representatives who emphasised their determination to back Iraqi government measures to restore law and order in their regions and uphold national unity in the face of the Iranian aggression.

In an interview with Ibrahim Mohammad Zankeh, a Kurdish governor of the Arbil region in Iraqi Kurdistan, the governor strongly denied hostile reports alleging that Iraqi forces had demolished local homes. On the contrary the Iraqi government has been involved in building housing units and schools within the Arbil governorate to house homeless Kurds, the governor

stressed.

Zankeh said that the total Kurdish population of Iraq is four million, with 743,000 living in the Arbil region alone.

Zankeh said that to back the Iraqi armed forces campaign the local Kurdish population formed 300 units each of 300 fighters who stormed the rebels hideouts and drove them out of the region.

The Iraqi army had to carry out the campaign following massacres, demolishing of homes, burning of plantations and other atrocities carried out by the re-

bels upon the instigation of and with backing from Iranian revolutionary guards, Zankeh added.

In an interview with Ahmad Jamil Hweiz, one of the Kurdish rebels from Arbil, who fled the country after joining the rebels group, Hweiz said that he had joined the Talbani Kurdish rebel group in 1986 in order to escape conscription.

"I spent some time leading a team of marauders attacking and pillaging Iraqi villages inhabited by Kurds or Arabs upon instructions that we received from abroad (meaning Iran)," Hweiz said.

"Despite the fierce battles between our groups and the Iraqi armed forces we never witnessed the Iraqis using chemical weapons."

He said that he was now satisfied having returned home to settle peacefully with his family and community.



The governor of the northern Iraqi region of Arbil Ibrahim Mohammad Zankeh being interviewed by Al Ra'i reporter Caroline Faraj early this week.



Ex-Kurdish rebel
Ahmad Jamil Hweiz

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF**Blasts rock British compound in Cyprus**

NICOSIA (R) — Two explosions rocked British married quarters on the outskirts of Limassol causing minor damage but no injuries, a British base spokesman said Wednesday. Major Johnny Rogers said the explosions occurred at about midnight at a British military married quarters compound west of Limassol outside the main British base area of Akrotiri-Episkopi. "It was thought that hand-held explosive devices were thrown over the perimeter fence at the Berengaria married quarters estate... They both exploded and minor damage were caused," Rogers said.

Israeli army holds large exercise

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's army launched Tuesday its first major public call-up exercise for reservists since March 1987 but military sources said it did not indicate any unusual tension with Arab states. Israel radio and television broadcast six coded names corresponding to military units of unspecified size and said reservists should report to their bases immediately. Code names as usual meant little to the average citizen. An army spokesman said the exercise would be completed rapidly and was aimed at checking how quickly reservists reported for duty.

CPF launches fund drive

(Continued from page 1) He said the CPF was now involved in the manufacture of special seats and equipment for handicapped children as well as crutches for children to use at home, all of which are given free of cost.

Bilbeisi said the CPF seeks to set up an integrated centre for examining children exposed to handicaps and diagnosing their cases at an early stage.

A study conducted on 3,200 handicapped cases showed that children with disabilities are brought by their parents for examination when they reach the age of three or four, thus making it difficult to deal with their cases, Bilbeisi said.

He said early diagnosis saves a lot of trouble, efforts and funds,

Headmaster to take Beirut College post

POMFRET, Connecticut (AP) — The headmaster of the Pomfret School has resigned to take over as president of the International College in Beirut, although he won't be moving to the troubled Lebanese capital until hostilities wane. Gerrit M. Keator, 50, said Monday he decided to accept the post at the school in west Beirut, the Muslim section of the city, because it presented a challenge. "Beirut itself we can't get into now because of travel restrictions," Keator said of himself and his wife, Marnie, 46, a teacher. "When things lighten up, we'll be able to move there, to the president's house on campus." Keator said he will live in Stamford and work out of the school's office in New York City until he is permitted to go to Beirut.

Dutch to withdraw minehunter from Gulf

THE HAGUE (R) — The Dutch defence ministry said Tuesday it planned to withdraw its naval minehunter from the Gulf in January because a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq had reduced the danger to shipping in the area. A spokesman said Belgium and Britain were also expected to withdraw their vessels at the start of next year.

Palestinian message to PLO

(Continued from page 1) government... the general trend now is to announce independence and delay the question of the government until later."

PNC Speaker Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh told Reuters in Amman Tuesday the PLO Executive Committee would meet in Tunis within two days to set a time and place for the PNC meeting.

In his interview, Khalaf said the priority for the PNC was

not forming a provisional government but deciding on the political steps the Palestinian movement should take to build on the uprising.

"We don't want to throw all our cards in the air for nothing... we want every step to be reciprocated."

'People survive on leaves, grass'

Famine, not the gun, kills in south Sudan's civil warBy Hamza Hendawi
Reuter

KHARTOUM — Famine has replaced the gun as the lethal weapon in south Sudan's civil war, a catastrophe little known to the outside world at first hand.

Diplomats and United Nations relief officials estimate that tens of thousands of non-combatant civilians have died during the conflict. Hunger, not bullets, killed almost all of them.

The relief officials say many thousands more will soon die of starvation or malnutrition-related diseases unless food supplies are sent in urgently.

Government officials blame the rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which launched its bush war in 1983 to win autonomy for the mainly animist or Christian south from the Muslim, Arabised north.

The rebels have consistently ambushed trucks, river barges and trains carrying supplies to the south, maintaining that the convoys also provisioned army garrisons and were legitimate targets since they were escorted by soldiers.

A long-standing SPLA threat to attack planes flying to the south without its permission has

so far prevented any major airlift of food. The rebels have shot down several aircraft, including two Sudanese airliners, in the past two years.

Diplomats said SPLA strategy appeared to be aimed at forcing people to move, under threat of starvation, from government-controlled areas to rebel-held regions.

They said there was evidence that food was reaching people in areas under rebel control from unknown relief sources in Ethiopia, home of the SPLA's leadership, Kenya and Uganda.

Like any guerrilla army, the SPLA depended on the sympathy of sections of the local population for food, information and security, the diplomats said.

They doubted that the SPLA deliberately sought the mass exodus of southerners. "The rapid depopulation of the south could be playing into the army's hands," said one senior U.N. official based in Khartoum.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said

hundreds of thousands of cattle, the key to life in the south, would die unless large-scale vaccination was under way before the end of the year.

And the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) said the infant mortality rate had rocketed in the south over the past five years and an immunisation programme was urgently needed.

The SPLA has yet to give clearance to a government-approved plan by the ICRC to send food to the south to feed an estimated one million people. The scheme envisages simultaneous deliveries to government and rebel-controlled areas.

Relief officials said one reason for the rebel reluctance to give the go-ahead might be dissatisfaction with the amount of food designated for SPLA districts.

"They are just playing games with the ICRC," said Bryan Wannop, Sudan representative of the U.N. Development Programme. "Perhaps they just don't want any food to reach government-controlled towns."

British, Iranian talks resume

ATHENS (R) — A Greek court Tuesday postponed a decision on whether to approve extradition of a Palestinian wanted in the United States for an alleged bomb attack on a civilian airliner.

The three-member Athens appeals court said it would rule on the extradition request for 34-year-old Mohammad Rashid next Monday.

The United States wants Rashid to stand trial for a 1982 bomb attack on a Pan American airliner flying over Hawaii. A Japanese teenager was killed in

the attack.

Rashid was arrested in Athens on May 30 and was sentenced on July 14 to seven months jail for entering the country on a false Syrian passport.

If the court approves the U.S. extradition request, Rashid can appeal again to the supreme court. If the court turns down the request, Rashid will be freed after serving his sentence in Greece.

U.S. officials have said they have a strong case against Rashid, depicting it as a test of

Greek willingness to join in fighting international guerrilla actions.

The Reagan administration has singled out Greece in the past as being soft on guerrillas and in 1985 issued an advisory to U.S. citizens to avoid the east Mediterranean country.

The court also postponed until Monday a separate hearing of appeals by the Athens prosecutor for a longer sentence for Rashid for the false passport conviction and by Rashid's lawyers who want a shorter sentence.

Sudan's Sharia delayed for further study

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's coalition government Tuesday postponed a decision on whether to approve the proposed Islamic Sharia laws for further study in an apparent bid to avoid a split over the controversial issue.

State-run Radio Omdurman said parliament debated the new penal code based on Sharia but did not vote on it as scheduled.

Instead, it approved a seven-point plan under which the code, which provides for such penalties as amputation, beheading and stoning, would not apply to non-Muslims.

The radio said the proposed Sharia code would go to the parliamentary legal committee for further study, along with other proposals for Islamic-based legal systems.

Diplomats said the government's decision to avoid a vote on the Sharia code was due to Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi's desire to avoid a permanent rift with politicians from the south.

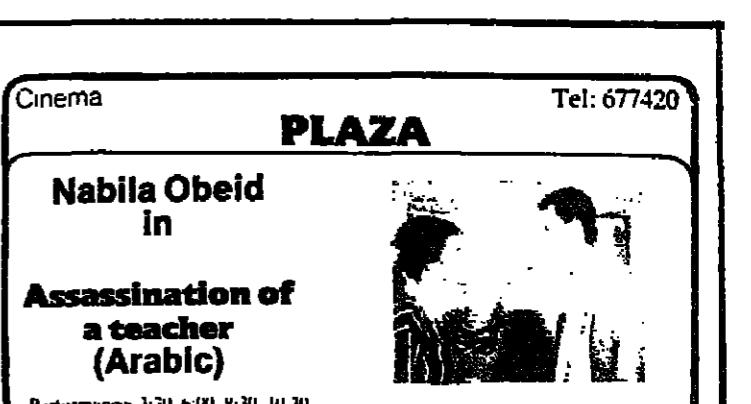
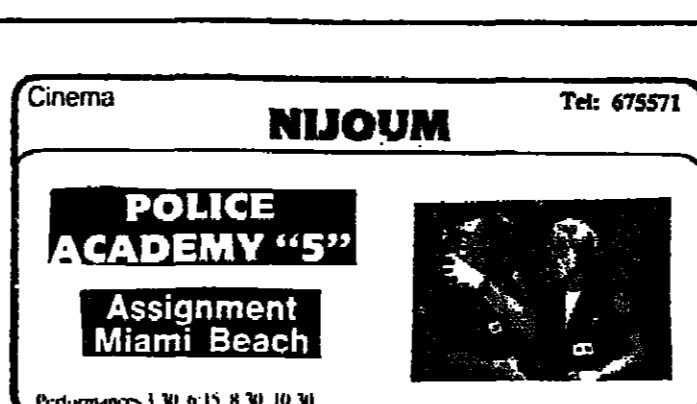
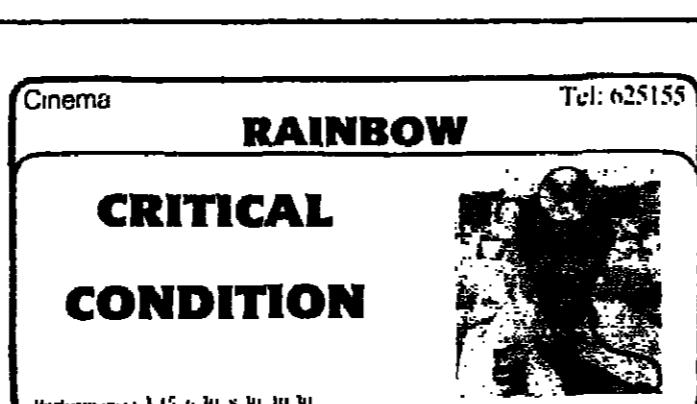
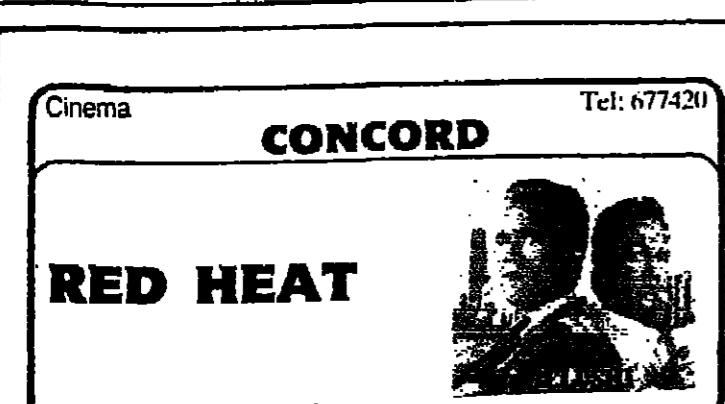
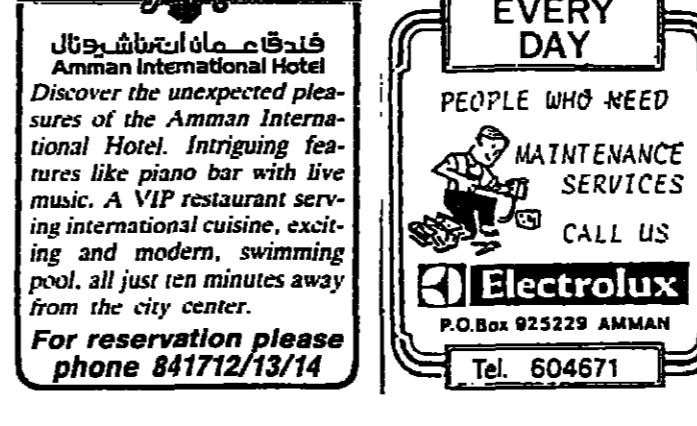
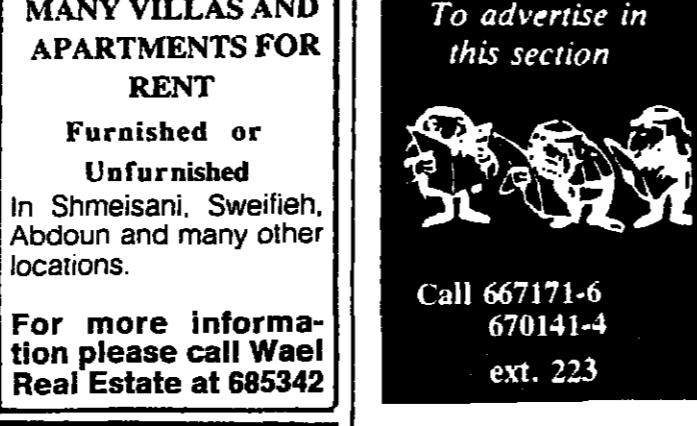
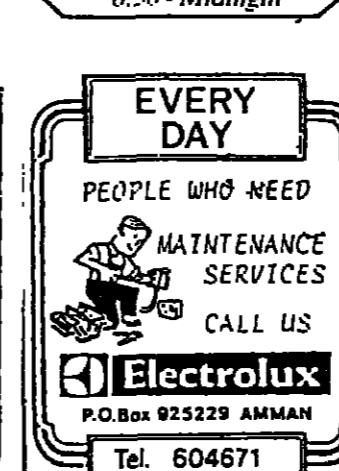
The mainly Christian or animist south is fiercely opposed to Sharia, one of the issues which

11 killed in Kabul attack

MOSCOW (R) — Eleven people were killed and 26 wounded in a rocket attack by Muslim guerrillas on central Kabul Wednesday, the official Soviet news agency TASS reported.

Some 23, rockets, fired from areas north-west of the capital, exploded in streets and squares as people were on their way to work during the morning rush hour, it said, quoting preliminary reports.

Kabul radio reported Monday that rebel rockets killed 14 people and wounded 30 in two Afghan towns Sunday.

JORDAN MARKET PLACE

Post-war reconstruction poses dilemma to Tehran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Foreign leaders and industrialists have been packing Tehran in recent weeks chasing lucrative contracts to build factories, power stations and oil refineries in Iran's post-war reconstruction.

But Iranian leaders are divided over how much they should allow them foreign companies, many of them booted out after the 1979 Islamic revolution, back into the country to help with reconstruction.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini declared Oct. 3 that reconstruction will be carried out without "criminal Soviets and world-devouring America and their agents."

But other leaders, including the powerful parliament speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, have given strong signals that foreign help, particularly technology, is needed to rebuild.

By all accounts, rebuilding will probably cost Iran as much as the eight-year-old war with Iraq. Some initial estimates are as high as \$400 billion in the next decade.

When Iran, battered by a chain of military defeats, unconditionally accepted a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire July 18, the initial reaction in Western and Asian markets was one of euphoria.

But many Western businessmen believe the expectations of a reconstruction bonanza were premature, although the long-term prospects are good.

Rafsanjani, President Ali Khamenei and others believe foreign investment and expertise

is needed to rebuild the economy. Khamenei, who has close links with the wealthy merchant class that has survived the rigors of the revolution, said: "We should avoid going to extremes... we have to employ foreign knowhow and expertise."

"There's nothing wrong with it and we're doing it right now. There are many ways to take advantage of the aliens' knowledge. No nation can afford to do without it," Khamenei told worshippers at a prayer session earlier this month.

But he stressed that "economic and cultural independence should be vigilantly observed in any reconstruction plan."

Khamenei said Sept. 12 when he opened an international trade fair in Tehran, attended by hundreds of companies from 36 countries: "We've had bitter experience with foreign investment in our country. But this will not be an obstacle to countries wanting to have healthy trade and economic relations with us."

He and Rafsanjani are opposed by Prime Minister Hussein Musavi. Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi and other radicals who want tighter state control of the economy and continued austerity, contending that "the people have grown used to hardship."

in the war.

"The foreigners must be kept at bay," Musavi declared Aug. 21. "We are not going to let foreign investors come to this country and put it under their domination."

"Opening up the country's doors to foreign capital... will suppress the revolution and its principles... we cannot invite the ones who were Iraq's patrons... to participate in the reconstruction of post-war Iran," he said.

Rafsanjani said in an interview with the radical Jonburi Islami daily this month: "There is also a middle course in which we should neither open the doors all the way and keep the country dependent with a consumer economy nor keep the people in hardship, in need of even basic goods. This is what we're talking about."

Rafsanjani, considered the most powerful figure in Iran after Khomeini, is seeking to end Iran's self-imposed isolation and restore relations with Western countries.

Iran's industry and oil installations, cornerstone of its economy, are in ruins and there are rich pickings for foreign companies prepared to do business with Iran.

But all the signals are that the big contracts will likely go to those countries that maintained links with Iran throughout the war, such as Japan, West Germany and South Korea.

Although Iran is a major oil producer, the problem is where the money will come from.

If it tries to increase its oil output, its main source of revenue, it risks driving down oil prices already weakened by a world glut and overproduction by other member states of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

That would leave borrowing abroad the only alternative to generate the financing needed for rebuilding.

War reparations, possibly underwritten by Arab banks eager to pacify Iran, would help alleviate the financing problem once they are agreed.

But that could take years. Iran has in the past demanded up to \$350 billion from Iraq for war damages.

The scale of Iran's reconstruction is still being assessed. Its oil installations, power stations and refineries were pounded constantly by Iraq's powerful air force.

The Western cities of Abadan, Khorramshahr and Qasr E-Shirin, and others, were captured in the early days of the war and were badly devastated.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, listed nearly 266,000 factories, stores, mosques, schools, hospitals and homes destroyed or badly damaged, mainly in western border towns.

Khorramshahr and Abadan are virtual ghost towns. Abadan's giant oil refinery, once the world's biggest with a capacity of 630,000 barrels a day, was totally destroyed.

Haj Hassan expresses interest in promoting services at Aqaba

AMMAN (Petra) — Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan Tuesday voiced the government's interest in developing the Ports Corporation's services to enable it to pursue its duties in serving Jordan and neighbouring Arab countries.

Haj Hassan's statement was made during a visit to the Ports Corporation where he was briefed by Director-General Eid

Al Fayed on the progress of work at the loading and off-loading terminals and means of raising staff performance levels, to cope with the ever increasing developments.

Fayed also briefed Haj Hassan on the loading and unloading operations at the phosphates terminal and on the recent measures taken by the corporation to avoid any delay in off-loading trucks.

Haj Hassan visited the cor-

porations' installations and storage areas and expressed satisfaction at progress of work in the port. The minister then visited the Iraqi coordination office in Aqaba and reviewed with the office director the existing cooperation and coordination between the Ports Corporation and the office to facilitate the smooth transporting of goods from Aqaba to Iraq.

Haj Hassan also visited the

Department of Statistics issues '87 annual report

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Canada will sign next week a \$13 million agreement to finance the exploration of natural and mineral resources in Jordan, Sawt Al Shaab reported Wednesday.

Natural Resources Authority

Director-General Kamal Jreisat

said the new Canadian grant will

finance several seismic

surveys as well as oil explora-

tions. He said that an earlier

agreement, which ended

March 1989 was extended to

March 1990, and that four experts

and a Canadian seismic team

have begun work in the Ma'an area.

Jreisat expressed hope that these grants would be an incentive to increase Jordanian-Canadian cooperation in the field of exploration and encourage Canadian companies to get involved in oil exploration in Jordan. The Canadian government had offered Jordan \$19 million grant.

ports and national exports by customs tariff regulations.

In addition to the report says that the source of the data for the two volumes was the customs manifest forms, obtained from the Department of Customs.

The Department of Statistics also issued its annual agricultural

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

	Wednesday rates		Market rates	
	Central Bank official rates		Buy Sell	
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	376.3	380.3	414.6	417.3
Pound Sterling	638.5	644.9	696.6	706.6
Deutschmark	201.9	203.9	220.0	244.0
Swiss franc	237.8	240.2	254.2	260.6
French franc	59.3	59.9	63.5	65.0
Japanese yen (for 100)	281.8	284.6	—	—
Dutch guilder	179.1	180.9	—	—
Swedish crown	58.9	59.5	62.5	64.5
Italian lira (for 100)	27.1	27.4	—	—
Belgian franc (for 10)	96.4	97.4	—	—
Saudi riyal	—	—	110.2	112.3
Lebanese lira	—	—	0.9	1.4
Syrian lira	—	—	9.8	10.0
Iraqi dinar	—	—	291.7	300.0
Kuwaiti dinar	—	—	1433.3	1443.3
Egyptian pound (old)	—	—	164.0	167.7
Egyptian pound (new)	—	—	154.0	157.7
UAE dirham	—	—	112.2	112.8
Qatari riyal	—	—	113.5	114.2
Ornati riyal	—	—	107.5	107.5
Bahraini dinar	—	—	1092.5	1100.0

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Brick firm to submit report

AMMAN (Petra) — The fate of the Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Company was discussed at a meeting here Wednesday attended by a technical team formed by the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the company's board of directors. According to the Jordan News Agency, Petra the two sides agreed to prepare a full report in a two-week time outlining the company's financial situation before further action and resolutions can be taken on the company's future. The two sides agreed that contacts should be maintained with the company's creditors to explore the possibility of restructuring the company's capital and to achieve a break-even point in sales, the agency said. It said that the company has now been awarded a tender by the Ministry of Education to supply silicate and brick for the construction of 120 schools over the coming three years.

Luxury goods reappear in Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — Consumer goods from television sets to fashionable clothes are back in Iraqi shops after years of austerity when stores often had bare shelves. Since the beginning of the year Iraqi businessmen have been able to import Western and Japanese goods using money held abroad or credited by foreign companies. The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Wednesday that the trade ministry issued 56,250 import licenses during the first nine months of the year worth some 706 million dinars (\$2.3 billion). Among imports were cars, spare parts, foodstuffs, videos, televisions, refrigerators, iron, timber and clothes.

Canada, EC sign nuclear accord

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Community (EC) said Tuesday it had signed a thermonuclear fusion cooperation agreement with Canada. Canada will provide researchers to the EC's fusion programme devoted to the international thermonuclear experimental reactor (ITER). ITER is a cooperative venture between the 12-nation EC, Japan, the Soviet Union and the United States to produce a test reactor for nuclear fusion power. Joint work on the project is taking place at Garching, West Germany, in a technical site provided by the Community. But the main research and development work is being done in laboratories of the participating countries.

UAE may impose bank licence fees

DUBAI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) central bank said it will probably introduce licence and registration fees for banks, financial institutions, and foreign exchange houses sometime next year. Bank governor Abdul Malik Al Hamari was quoted by the local Gulf news paper Wednesday as saying the idea was to charge fees against the services of the central bank, just like in many other countries. The fees, amounting to several thousands of dollars depending on the institution, are relatively small but the bank's attempt to impose them last June was met by strong objections from the UAE's many institutions, bankers said.

JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 5, 1988.	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	571409	JD 382930	455
Top three companies:			
Jordan Rockwool Industries	163300	JD 112955	170
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipment	200000	JD 46000	3
Bank of Jordan	2051	JD 30763	3
Parallel market:	2459	JD 626	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Australian stocks closed weaker in lacklustre trading. The All-Ordinaries Index fell 11.8 points to 1,511.8. TOKYO — Share prices finished the session down for a fourth day as concern over the health of the emperor continued to hang over the market. The Nikkei Index fell 95.53 points to 27,405.49. HONG KONG — Prices closed virtually unchanged with most investors staying on the sideline following weak performances in both Tokyo and New York. The Hang Seng Index rose 1.66 to 2,417.42.

SINGAPORE — Prices fell for a third day on lack of interest and loss-cutting sales. The Straits Times Industrial Index fell 12.10 to an 18-week low of 993.18.

BOMBAY — Prices resumed their bullish trend on hectic short-covering after Tuesday's mild setback, brokers said.

FRANKFURT — Shares built Tuesday's small gains in moderate trading, helped by modest foreign interest. The 30-share Dax Index rose 6.73 to 1,252.62.

ZURICH — Prices closed steady in quiet trading in what dealers viewed as a slight recovery within a continuing bearish trend. The All-Share Swiss Index rose 2.2 to 910.0.

LONDON — Shares were firm but off their highs. Dealers said speculative activity along with shortages of stock had helped. Street brought prices back from the top. By 1503 GMT, the FTSE-100 index was up 15.3 at 1,822.6.

NEW YORK — Stocks were narrowly lower and quiet overall, apart from a flurry of activity in special situation issues. The Dow was off nine at 2,093.

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European soccer

Ajax reaches crisis point

LONDON (AP) — Ajax Amsterdam, one time powerhouse of European soccer, is reaching crisis point as it prepares for Wednesday's round of club action across the continent.

A three-time champions' cup winner and the main force behind the Dutch soccer explosion in the early 1970s, Ajax goes into a UEFA Cup first round second leg game against sporting Lisbon of Portugal 4-2 down and facing open revolt by its fans.

Because of poor results in the Dutch league, only 7,500 tickets have been sold for a match that normally would command a crowd of over 20,000 to its stadium.

The fans have been so hostile to the results that the entire five-man management team has resigned, leaving club morale at an all time low.

"These are not pretty times," coach Spitz Kohn told the Amsterdam newspaper, De Telegraaf. "It makes you think. We'll need all the support we can get to advance to another round."

While Ajax lurches from one crisis to the next, most of the other big names in Europe are on safer ground.

PSV Eindhoven, its Dutch rival who won the champion's cup last season, is guaranteed a place in the second round, having been given a bye.

Italy's AC Milan, which won the title in 1963 and '69, also is handily placed to reach the second round despite the absence of injured Dutch star Ruud Gullit and the likelihood that his countryman, Marco Van Basten, also could be missing against Vitosha of Bulgaria.

Milan won the first leg in Sofia 2-0 and should have too much all-round strength to allow that lead to slip away.

Real Madrid

Real Madrid, trailing in the Spanish league but chasing its seventh champion's cup title, should be at full strength when it travel to Norway to meet Moss FC. Real has the cushion of a 3-0 first leg lead.

Steaua Bucharest, champions cup winner two years ago and semifinalist last season, already has fired a warning to the other big guns in the competition.

The Romanian army team whopped Czechoslovak champion Sparta 5-1 in Prague and would need to lose by five clear goals at home to go out of the competition.

Cross country race to commence Oct. 6

AMMAN (Petra) — The third cross country race championship will kick off on Thursday, when runners from Mafrag, Istiklal, Hayyan, Amman, Al Arabi, Kafrein and Hashimi clubs set out from the royal horse race club



Paolo Rossi during 1982 world cup championships

downed Avenir Beggen of Luxembourg 3-1 away from home to triumph 8-1 on aggregate.

Another Belgian side, Anderlecht is favoured to join its countrymen in the second round having gained a 3-1 victory over FC Metz in France, while Aarhus of Denmark, which triumphed 4-1 over Glenavon in Northern Ireland, also should breeze through to the next stage.

Spanish powerhouse Barcelona should advance, having won 2-0 against Fram Reykjavik in Iceland.

Most games in the UEFA Cup are finely balanced with Italy's quarter of Juventus, inter Milan, Napoli and Roma all involved in knife-edge confrontations.

Inter has to defend a 2-1 lead against FC Brage in Sweden, while Juventus trails 1-0 from the first leg against Otelul Galati in Romania.

Kumar, an Indian, said he

Baseball

Mets advance in playoffs

LOS ANGELES (R) — The New York Mets scored three runs in the ninth inning to break Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser's scoreless innings streak and dramatically win the first game of the best-of-seven national league championship series, 3-2.

Gary Carter's two-out, two-strike ninth-inning bloop double to centrefield brought in the tying and winning runs after Darryl Strawberry had doubled home the first man to score against Hershiser since August 30.

Hershiser added eight and one-third scoreless innings to the record 59 shutout frames with which he ended the regular season before Strawberry drove in New York's phenomenal late-season newcomer Gregg Jefferies, who went three for four against Hershiser, for the Met's first run.

Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda marched to the mound

Poverty, society 3rd World sports hurdles

Olympics, not necessarily competition of equals

SEOUL (R) — For the Third World, the Seoul Olympics provided a grim reminder that poverty and social customs remain tough hurdles in the race to make champions.

The countries of Asia, South America and Africa account for about 80 per cent of the world's five billion people but took home only 29 golds — a meagre 12 per cent of the total.

"It is not a gap, but a chasm which separates the Third World from the rest. There was a wide disparity in standards," said International Olympic Committee member Ashwini Kumar.

There were exceptions.

China's Gao Min gracefully sliced through the air to win the women's springboard, Kenya's John Ngugi leaped majestically away from a powerful field for the men's 5,000 metres gold and Surinam's Anthony Nester streaked past American swimmer Mike Biondi to win the 100 metres stake.

But they were just cameos at the 16-day games where the Soviet Union, East Germany and the United States grabbed 53 per cent of the 237 gold medals at stake.

Kumar said he

could see no change until Third World countries found ways to spot and develop young talent.

"But at present in the Third World, the priority before the governments is to feed the poor, not build an infrastructure to produce champion sportsmen," Kumar said.

His own country is a perfect example.

The world's second most populous country after China, India did not win a single medal in Seoul. All eight of the country's

Olympic golds have been in men's hockey — its only other medal was a wrestling bronze won in Helsinki in 1952.

play a part in holding back sports development in parts of the Third World.

The women of Africa and Asia are often restricted from participating.

China fared better with four golds but fell far short of their Los Angeles games haul of 15, a failure bitterly criticised in Chinese newspapers.

"A dark cloud crosses our hearts — we have a psychological problem," said Peking's People's Daily.

China were topped as Asia's top sporting power by host South Korea, who won 12 golds to finish fourth in the overall medals table.

Women

Social and religious customs

the husbands," she said.

Kumar also said parental attitudes to sport were important in developing countries.

Facilities

Developing countries lack training facilities and access to the latest sports medicine and research.

Surinam has only one Olympic-sized pool. Its swimming hero Nester went to the United States to train.

Swimmer Silvia Poll of Costa Rica, who won a silver in the 200 metres freestyle, needed her mother's help to finance the trip to Seoul.

16-DAY RACES AT THE ROYAL HORSE RACING CLUB — TUNISIA

FIRST RACE 3.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight	Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- A El Sattar Matar	A Mady	Owner	Rashied	54.5	1- Salim A El Karem Rakad	M El Rakad	Owner	Kasim	56
2- Ibrahim Hussen Lozy	Shamikh	Owner	Yousif	53	2- Sakr Fahad Lawansh	Super	Owner	Armad	56
3- Mahmoud A El Hady Rabie	Azab	Owner	Salmann	51.5	3- Fayed Lazam El Neel	Jamilin	Owner	Mousa	54.5
4- Farhan Fahim Khalilain	Maha	Owner	Ibrahim	51.5	4- H H Late Sherif Nasir Stable	S El Khal	Abbas	Ibrahim	53
5- Raed Mohammad A El Nabiy	Mostakbal	Owner	Ahmed	50	5- H H Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Fozan	Owner	Salimin	50
6- Mohammad Mazy Ghanib	Araby	Owner	George	50	6- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	El Fand	Owner	Suliman	54.5
7- Ghali Salih A Jabi	N El Midan	Owner	50	7- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	T Tharaya	Owner	53		
8- Yaha Mohammad Khalil	W Hazim	Owner	50	8- Salim Aly Rabayah	Monyah	Owner	51.5		
9- Shinaoh Aly Fokara	F Rady	Owner	50	9- Eed A El Nabiy Rabayah	H Eed	Owner	51.5		
10- Mohammad Azzam Jamany	M Kraian	Owner	50	10- Sultan Faisal Awad Faiez	Hala	Owner	48.5		
11- Salamh Mnhy Bayanay	M Assal	Owner	Yousef	48.5	11- Rady Ahmad A Shanah	A Rady	Owner	48.5	
					12- Samy Abdullah Haddadin	F Hanady	Owner	48.5	
					13- Nimir B Hmoud	U Kashmir	Ibdal	48.5	
					14- Khalid Hammad Ayad	Borkan	Owner	53	
					15- Nimir B Hmoud	Janzir	Owner	50	
					16- Salim Faisal Awad Faiez	Aslih	Owner	48.5	
					17- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	T Elsad	Owner	53	

SECOND RACE 3.25 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Salim A El Karem Rakad	M El Rakad	Owner	Kasim	56
2- Sakr Fahad Lawansh	Super	Owner	Armad	56
3- Fayed Lazam El Neel	Jamilin	Owner	Mousa	54.5
4- H H Late Sherif Nasir Stable	S El Khal	Abbas	Ibrahim	53
5- H H Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Fozan	Owner	Salimin	50
6- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	El Fand	Owner	Suliman	54.5
7- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	T Tharaya	Owner	53	
8- Salim Aly Rabayah	Monyah	Owner	51.5	
9- Eed A El Nabiy Rabayah	H Eed	Owner	51.5	
10- Sultan Faisal Awad Faiez	Hala	Owner	48.5	
11- Rady Ahmad A Shanah	A Rady	Owner	48.5	
12- Samy Abdullah Haddadin	F Hanady	Owner	48.5	
13- Nimir B Hmoud	U Kashmir	Ibdal	48.5	
14- Khalid Hammad Ayad	Borkan	Owner	53	
15- Nimir B Hmoud	Janzir	Owner	50	
16- Salim Faisal Awad Faiez	Aslih	Owner	48.5	
17- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	T Elsad	Owner	53	

THIRD RACE 3.50 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight	Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Saad Edin Rida Saad	Ghassab	Owner	Rashied	60	Owner				
2- Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	N Bisalt	Owner	60		Mashhour Faisal A Jnab	Minkareem	Adnan	Salam	59
3- Hamad Abdullah Jamany	S Daly	Owner	Yousef	58	2- Samy Abdullah Haddadin	Saleik	Owner	Mousa	59
4- Suliman Salman Khanawati	Talha	Owner	58		3- Ghali Abdullah Haddadin	Tarik	Owner	George	59
5- Ghali Abdullah Jabi	Imad	Owner	Ibrahim	58	4- Mansour Anwar Shalan	Mazyon	Owner	Kasim	56
6- Saki Fahim Lawansh	Ghannam	Owner	Salam	57	5- Mansour Anwar Shalan	Izna	Owner	Dalek	56
7- Dr. A. El Naeem A Wandy	Z Maseen	Owner	Kasim	53	6- H H Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Abbas	Ibrahim	53.5	
8- Hussein Mahmud Saed	M. Dorgam	Owner	55		7- Nawal Anwar Shalan	B Hoda	Owner	Mohsin	53.5
9- Mohammad Suliman Kifan	Shamouk	Owner	Younis	53	8- Sultan Faisal Awad Faiez	M El Nolous	Owner	54.5	
10- Mohammad A El Jali Samour	Mad	Owner	George	51.5	9- Nawal Mallouh El Faiez	Rafif	Owner	Yousef	53.5
11- Abdulla El									

New Soviet ideology chief pursues reform

MOSCOW (R) — New Soviet ideology chief Vadim Medvedev, in a clear signal that last weekend's Kremlin shuffle was a victory for reform, has issued a detailed programme of radical economic and political change.

And in a speech reported Wednesday by Pravda, Medvedev implicitly but bluntly rejected arguments by his predecessor, Yegor Ligachev, that aspects of President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika drive undermined socialist principles.

Calling for a "new conception of socialism," Medvedev:

— Said the law of supply and demand "is an essential condition for effective management of the economy";

— Insisted that different types of socialism in communist countries "enriches us all";

— Argued that the economic and social practices of Western countries could provide useful lessons for Soviet reformers;

— Declared that long-taboo forms of leasing and cooperatives already introduced in Soviet agriculture and services should be extended to heavy industry;

— Asserted that a new "pluralistic socialist system must take into account... the real structure of society" outside old class-based frameworks;

— Reaffirmed that "common



Vadim Medvedev

human values" should take precedence over class interests in dealing with the outside world;

— Proclaimed that peaceful coexistence was "a long-term process" extending far into the foreseeable future; and

— Rejected suggestions that Gorbachev's glasnost policies had "let the genie out of the bottle," saying that open discussion of

Kinnock supporter attacks revamping of party policy

BLACKPOOL, England (R) — Britain's most powerful trade union chief has warned the opposition Labour Party to stick to a socialist path, just hours after leader Neil Kinnock proposed a shift from old-style left-wing policies.

Kinnock got a standing ovation at Labour's annual conference Tuesday when he outlined his blueprint for taking the ailing party into the 1990s.

His keynote speech pledged social justice and scorned the "me and now" society created by the ruling Conservative Party under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The plan, part of a policy review begun last year after Labour's record third straight

Vietnamese Siamese twins separated

TOKYO (AP) — Two seven-year-old Siamese twins connected at the pelvis were separated successfully in Vietnam Tuesday in a grueling 14-hour operation conducted by 72 doctors and nurses, news reports said.

"The operation went well," Japan's Kyodo news service quoted a Vietnamese doctor as saying in a report from Ho Chi Minh city. "But it will take about a week to tell the outcome."

Japanese newspapers reported Wednesday that each twin received one leg, while the single organs went to Duc, the more healthy twin. Viet has been comatose since May 1986.

The nationally circulated newspaper Asahi Shimbun said the

public issues "is a sword that heals the wounds it makes."

Medvedev's speech, delivered to a conference of social scientists from communist countries, was his first public address since he was appointed to head a newly-formed Kremlin ideological commission last Friday.

Its phrasing clearly marked the 59-year-old party academic, who was also given rapid promotion into the 12-man ruling politburo, as a close ally of Gorbachev.

And the speech left no doubt that the influence of 67-year-old Ligachev, still formally Kremlin number two, was now dramatically reduced in ideological policy formulation.

In the weekend shakeup, Ligachev was appointed head of a new commission on agriculture amid widespread suggestions from Soviet sources that his publicly-expressed doubts on reform during the summer had helped spark the changes.

In a speech while Gorbachev was on leave in August, Ligachev suggested the now free-wheeling Soviet press was getting out of hand. He said the new "non-class" foreign policy was "sowing doubt among our people... and our friends."

He also criticised what he said was excessive emphasis being placed on market factors in reforming the economy.

must not be taken for granted. "We will not allow our commitment to public and social ownership to be lost in talk of markets and competition," he told a meeting outside the conference in the northwestern resort of Blackpool.

Todd, whose vote helped Kinnock soundly defeat a leadership challenge from Labour's left wing Sunday, said there were modernisers and reformers in the party who were "all sharp suits and cordless telephones" but who lacked political substance.

"They need our money and our strength but they fear our power... my union has led the way in modernising the organisation and running of this party. We put up the cash," he said.

UNITA rejects amnesty offer

LISBAN (R) — Pro-Western National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) rebels spurned an Angolan government amnesty offer Tuesday and repeated demands for direct negotiations to end a 13-year-old civil war.

"UNITA categorically rejects and repudiates the policy of clemency and pardon because the only solution to the Angolan question lies in direct negotiations between UNITA and the MPLA," a rebel statement distributed in Lisbon said.

UNITA has fought Angola's ruling Marxist MPLA party since independence from Portugal in 1975, but it has been excluded from international peace talks currently trying to settle the inter-linked Angolan and Namibian conflicts.

Angola has offered an amnesty to rebels who turn themselves in, but has refused to recognise UNITA and said that rebel leader Jonas Savimbi must pay for his "crimes against the Angolan people."

The UNITA statement said the United States, South Africa and other African countries interested in peace efforts should "not let the Angolan government's subterfuge ruin the current favourable climate for talks."

Viet and Duc were joined at the pelvis and had a single pair of legs. With their two torsos, they shared a large bowel, anus, bladder, genitals, one pair of kidneys and a major artery, leaving doctors with the difficult ethical question of how to divide their shared parts and give both of them a chance of survival.

The operation began Tuesday morning at Tu Du hospital, using equipment and medicine supplied by the Japanese Red Cross, Kyodo said. The twins' mother watched the procedure on a television monitor in an adjoining room, news reports said.

"Our biggest concern is what may happen now to the (biological) balance that was developed between the two of them," Asahi quoted a Japanese Red Cross observer at the hospital as saying.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Yugoslavs protest economic woes

BELGRADE (R) — Thousands of striking workers have protested in front of parliament in Belgrade, shifting the focus of Yugoslav unrest from ethnic strife to economic problems. The workers Tuesday demanded the resignation of the federal government and trade union leaders and called for direct representation in parliament. Workers from a motor factory in Belgrade's suburb of Rakovica marched to parliament in a renewal of labour discontent over low pay. Their rally marked a switch from Yugoslavia's wave of mass rallies on divisions between Kosovo province's majority ethnic Albanians and Slav population. They dispersed after Serbian Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic promised to tackle their complaints.

Soviets plan journal on leaders

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union's reshuffled Politburo decided at its first meeting to publish a journal on the activities of the Kremlin leadership, the official news agency TASS said Tuesday. The decision at the Monday meeting of the ruling body was aimed at promoting glasnost, or openness, and democracy, TASS said, referring to two major tenets of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform drive. TASS did not specify when or how frequently the new journal — *Izvestia Tseka Kpss* (Information from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) — would appear. But TASS said, "it will officially publish the decisions of the top party organs and draft resolutions on major issues of party and public affairs, which are submitted for popular discussion."

Mitterrand visits flood-stricken city

NIMES, France (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand toured the water-devastated streets of this southern city Tuesday, where the death toll from a flash flood climbed to 11. Rescue workers checking vehicles washed away in the flood found three more bodies Tuesday, officials said. About a hundred of the estimated 50,000 people whose homes were damaged by the wall of water and mud Monday chanted, "compensation, compensation" as Mitterrand arrived with senior officials. The president said the government would do everything possible "to respond to the perfectly legitimate demand of those who naturally expect reparations, but also expect that their immediate crying needs be met."



One of the many rallies staged by the Chilean opposition against President Augusto Pinochet in the run-up to Wednesday's referendum (Sygma photo)

Nerves taut as Chileans vote in plebiscite

SANTIAGO (AP) — Amid a pervasive security presence and tensions aggravated by a nighttime blackout, Chileans voted Wednesday on whether General Augusto Pinochet should remain president until 1997.

Many polling places opened promptly at 8 a.m. (1100 GMT). In Santiago, the capital city, lines of voters quickly formed under a cloudless sky in warm spring weather. Police re-

ported no incidents.

Radio reports indicated polls also were opening without serious problems in provincial cities and towns.

Downtown Santiago was virtually deserted, with shops and offices closed for the day. A national holiday was declared for the vote.

Wednesday's turnout was expected to be heavy, as 7.4 million of the eight million eligible voters

were registered. Polls were to remain open until 5 p.m. (2000 GMT), with initial returns not expected until at least an hour later.

Chileans were asked to mark their paper ballots "Yes" or "No" on the proposal by Pinochet and other military commanders that his 15-year-old rule be extended to 1997.

If most vote "Yes," he would

assume a new eight-year term in March. If most vote "No," an open election with two or more candidates would be held late next year, and the winner would assume the presidency in March 1990. Pinochet could be a candidate in the open elections if he loses Wednesday.

Most polls have showed Pinochet, 72, lacking majority support.



Sao Paulo mayor bans skimpy bikinis

SAO PAULO (AP) — Mayor of Brazil's biggest city has outlawed the wearing of skimpy swimsuits in Sao Paulo in the name of "morality." Mayor Janio Quadros has banned the use of so-called "dental floss" bikinis and men's brief swimwear in parks in this city, Brazil's industrial and financial centre. Quadros, a former president of Brazil, was quoted in major newspapers as saying the ban was not "prudishness" but intended "to defend a minimum of morality and decency." The "dental floss" string bikini is an even briefer version of the already "tiny tanga."

Ex-Miss America faces bribery charge

NEW YORK (R) — Bess Myerson, a former Miss America and once a powerful city official, was described in court Tuesday as a greedy and vindictive person willing to use her power to corrupt a judge hearing her boyfriend's divorce case. The trial of Myerson, boyfriend Carl Capasso and former State Judge Hortense Gabel began before a packed court with a prosecutor calling the three "people of position and wealth who violated the public trust." Myerson is accused of conspiring to bribe Gabel by offering her daughter Sukhreet a New York City job so that Gabel would cut the alimony being paid Capasso's ex-wife. Myerson, the 1945 Miss America and the first Jew to hold that title, was at the time New York's cultural affairs commissioner.

Coins honour Louganis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Olympic diver Greg Louganis, who won two gold Olympic medals in Seoul, has been honoured with four silvers from the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The dives that made Louganis famous — the jackknife, twister and back dive — were captured on four silver coins issued by the Marshall Islands, located between the Philippines and Hawaii. Three 28.3-gramme \$25 coins are sold in a set for \$300. A 141.8-gramme \$75 coin is offered for \$300.

Moscow drops key hurdle to conventional arms talks

VIENNA (AP) — The Soviet Union has dropped a key objection blocking agreement on new talks to reduce conventional forces in Europe, but diplomats say the 35-nation Helsinki conference remains mired in disagreement over human rights.

Reversing earlier positions, Moscow has agreed that tactical nuclear weapons should not be included in new talks between North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and Warsaw Pact nations on reducing conventional troops and weapons from the Atlantic to the Urals, diplomats say.

Soviet Ambassador to the Helsinki conference Yuri B. Kashlev said in an interview Tuesday the Kremlin has also agreed not

to make a distinction between attack aircraft and air defence forces in the written mandate for the new talks.

"We will make the difference in the talks, but we decided to meet NATO halfway," Kashlev said, adding that the breakthrough came in talks Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze held last week with NATO foreign ministers at the United Nations.

The Americans caution that the Soviet Union has not actually tabled its position in the protracted Vienna negotiations for the new 23-nation talks.

The negotiations are designed to replace the mutual and balanced force reduction (MBFR) talks, which have dragged on

without agreement in Vienna for almost 15 years.

But they cannot start until a full mandate is agreed between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, and until the 35 nations that signed the 1975 Helsinki Final Act can wind up the Vienna conference reviewing compliance with the act.

Kashlev said the only problems outstanding on the new East-West arms talks are agreement on how much of Turkey and of Soviet territory in the Caucasus region should be included for discussion, and liaison with the 12 neutral and non-aligned nations who signed the Helsinki act but are not included in the negotiations.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

CLIPPINGS
By Olive Dunn

ACROSS
1 Cossack or Connolly
5 Surpasses
9 Piaf
13 Miller whale
17 Jameson's twin
20 Suffered
21 Foothold
22 Snub
24 Babble
25 Leave one's
26 Chrysalis
27 Spacehip
29 Henson
30 Movie lion
31 Snug
32 Graceless
38 Whiplash
39 Sprinted

DOWN
1 Kettle of fish
2 Confused
3 Amased
4 Reduce costs
5 Ursula
6 Tune
7 Ram second
8 Bratise
9 Gossamer
10 Musical instrument
11 Snarling
12 Snarling
13 Augur
14 Scamp
15 Gossamer
16 Spumante
17 Ludicrous
18 Take — (relax)

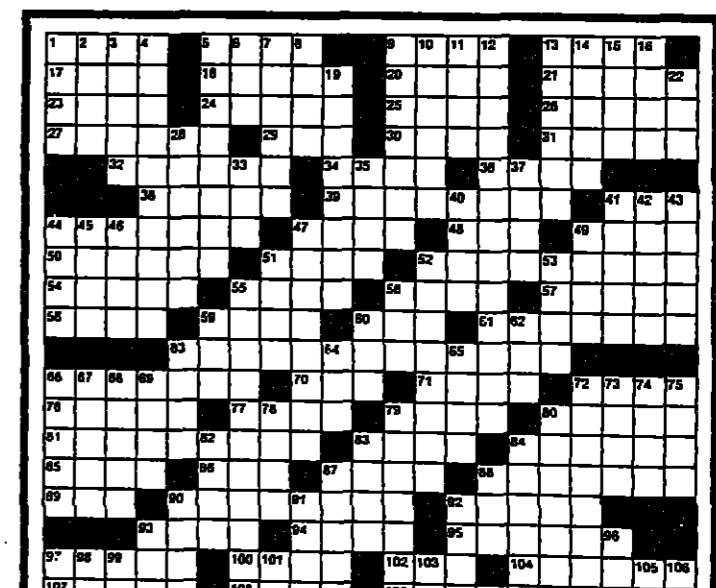
CLIPPINGS
By Herb Ettenson

39 Fall to impress
41 Fellow queen
44 Besotted
47 Go — kites!
48 Fruit drink
49 Sausage
50 Embarkations
51 Pub potables
52 Coerced
53 Sighs
55 Signals
56 Russ. news agency
57 Old old style
58 Kowtow
59 Demands
60 Payment
61 Detritus
62 Come up to expectations
63 Curbed

70 Testing gm.
71 Stocked with affection
72 Sirene
73 Veritable
74 Sausage
75 Sear
80 Antique
81 Dates
82 Gossamer
84 Incarnation of bronze
85 Steel tears
86 Mother's day
87 High quality
88 Harangues
89 Concorde
90 Rain
91 Rain
92 Theme
93 Medium

94 Record
95 Without mercy
96 Certain beards
97 Craig
98 Small trees of small trees
99 Afront
100 Certain place of culture
101 Conventional series of rooms
102 Cleave
103 Remains
104 River to the Caspian
105 Within earshot
106 Floogates
107 Cauldron

108 Networks
109 Clever
111 Eye part
112 Pan-fry
113 Steaming
114 Steaming direction
115 Paper quantity
116 Marleweather and Marleathers
117 Tip
118 Slips



Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Busy farm youth performed many chores for money to buy very covetous pony.
2. Fashionable eyeglasses are such a rage, they may soon be prescribing them for our pets.
3. Poor dull student who thought a spelling bee was an insect felt cruelly stung by failure.
4. Baseball star hits homer to win big in hometown game.

CRYPTOGRAMS

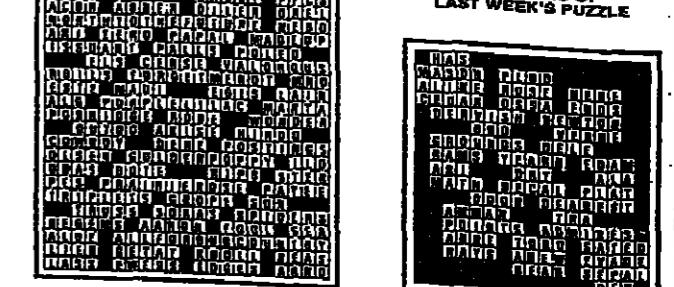
1. KJ ZYXWVUTSR A RWDYPOYUR YZVEVPOYAP YMNYYJW EYXXVWRW TVW WQJUMYWWRW NVNT YVX
—By Rita Salvato

2. EXCL C ZSU ER IRRA US WISE BI START US WISE XSE ZBULZR ER WISE —By Barbara Jo Rugg

3. BSAZE BSURRASKZ ULK CRUOY BCUNJELLO. RKLLOYN OL BROEK EASY JOB LJZAUL OY RAYN BLZUYEB. —By Ed Huddleston

4. M ANY YEGGS BEG 'DZ: RECODING UCLAMARN EB ZIDOLULIS. —By Norton Rhodes

SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



Soviets honour Galbraith, Greene

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's alma mater, Moscow State University, awarded honorary doctorates Tuesday to U.S. economist John Kenneth Galbraith and British writer Graham Greene, the TASS news agency said. Galbraith, a professor at Harvard University, was honoured for "his services in the development of sciences and the humanities," TASS said. Greene's doctorate is a sign of "his outstanding services in the field of literature and in the strengthening of friendly contacts with the Soviet Union," TASS said. It said the certificates were presented by Anatoly Logunov, rector of Moscow State University and a member of the Academy of Sciences.